

FTA-ABS test sorbent being applied as the first layer of the sandwich, followed by the appropriate high-titred anti-species globulin conjugate. Slides of Reiter treponemes and *Tr. denticola* are tested in parallel to control the completeness of removal of group antitreponemal antibody by sorbent. A technique for silver staining is described in detail.

This manual serves a very useful purpose in stressing the importance of the choice of techniques for the demonstration of treponemes in body fluids and the absolute requirement for reliable reagents. It should certainly be read by anyone contemplating work in this field, although some practical points, such as the concentration of organisms by centrifugation, and the artefacts which may be found in FA-stained preparations, are not covered. It whetted the reviewer's appetite for more, and led to the hope that if future editions are called for, the authors will consider using it as a framework for a much more comprehensive treatise on experimental treponemal disease in all its aspects.

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**The Year Book of Dermatology 1971.** Edited by FREDERICK D. MALKINSON and ROGER W. PEARSON. 1971. Pp. 379, 59 figs, index. Year Book Medical Publishers, Chicago; Lloyd-Luke, London. (£6.80) There is no doubt that the Year Books of Dermatology are of great value to dermatologists and this one is no exception. The book begins with an excellent review of the adverse cutaneous reactions to the sun and the rest of the book consists of abstracts of recent papers covering a wide range of subjects. Both descriptive and investigative aspects are well covered. There are 59 illustrations and most of the abstracts are followed by useful editorial comments. The section on venereal diseases comprises only about 3 per cent. of the book. This is a pity because the abstracts and comments are of the same high standard as in the rest of the book. Perhaps in future editions this section will be expanded sufficiently to warrant the attention of venereologists as well as dermatologists. As it is I doubt if any venereologist will want to pay nearly seven pounds to possess this book.

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